

14th October 2021

Kindergarten Orientation/Transition 2022

Dear Parents,

Following my last correspondence regarding Kindergarten Orientation for 2022, we have made some changes based on parent feedback.

As mentioned, it is important, given all the disruptions this year, that we plan carefully for a successful orientation and transition to school for the kindergarten children.

For those existing OLQP families you will notice there is a significant change in approach than previous years. We genuinely feel due to the current situation this 'transitional approach' of smaller groups and part days is both best for our new students and those supporting teachers and staff. We have identified this new approach early, so family arrangements can be made well in advance.

The **Staff Development Day** (Friday 28th January) is a pupil free day for all schools when all school staff come together to plan for Term 1.

For the beginning of Week 2 (Monday 31st January and Tuesday 1st February), it is a requirement of CEDP that all students are assessed using the "**Maths Assessment Interview**"; this is to help gather data on all students across the Diocese. Your child will be invited to attend a one-to-one meeting for about 20 minutes with a Kindergarten teacher to gather information about his/her mathematical understanding. It's also another opportunity for your child to visit the space and meet the teachers.

Please Note: Invitations will be sent to you in December. If you are unable to attend on these dates, please notify us so that the teachers can conduct the assessment with your child at another time.

Kindergarten's first day of school will be Wednesday 2nd February. The first four days of school, Wednesday 2nd to Monday 7th February, are part days that will give the children a chance to ease into school and give the teachers an opportunity to meet and get to know the children so they can organise them into class groups (see grid below).

Please Note: Class groups will not be allocated to a teacher until the end of Week 4.

For the rest of Week 2 the children will be put into one of four orientation groups: **A,B,C or D.** Later this term we will let you know what group your child will be in.

On Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February, the children will attend in groups of 30. Following this they will attend in groups of 60 (Friday 4th February and Monday 7th February).

From Tuesday 8th February, the whole of Kindergarten will attend but only from 8.55am to 2.30pm to allow children to transition gradually. Full days will begin in Week 5 from Monday 21st February 8.55am to 3.05pm.

Kindergarten Transition Grid:

Please see below for the Kindergarten Transition Grid to help outline this process and provide a clear schedule.

For Weeks 3 and 4 we are able to supervise children to 3.05pm if you are unable to pick them up at 2.30pm.

At any stage if you have any problems with the following process, please contact us at: olqp@parra.catholic.edu.au

Online Parent Meetings – Wednesday November 17th

We will also be conducting some online meetings on Wednesday November 17th. Parents who have experienced orientation in the past will be invited to attend from 5pm to 6pm. Parents who are new to the school can attend from 7pm to 8pm.

More information about this will be sent home soon. No doubt there is a lot of information to digest and quite a few changes to manage in comparison to previous years, therefore these zoom sessions will be a great forum to put your minds at ease and answer any questions you may have about starting school in 2022.

We look forward to seeing all our new families in the new year.

Yours faithfully

The Kindergarten Team

Michael Hopley
Principal

Term 1 2022

Week 1	Monday 24th Jan	Tuesday 25th Jan	Wednesday 26th Jan	Thursday 27th Jan	Friday 28th Jan
	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Staff Development Day

Week 2	Monday 31st Jan	Tuesday 1st Feb	Wednesday 2nd Feb <i>1st Day of Kindergarten</i>	Thursday 3rd Feb	Friday 4th Feb
	Maths Assessment by invitation <i>Email with details will be sent in December</i>	Maths Assessment by invitation <i>Email with details will be sent in December</i>	Group A (30) 9.30 - 11.30	Group C (30) 9.30 - 11.30	Group A & C (60) 9.30 - 11.30
			Group B (30) 12.30 - 2.30	Group D (30) 12.30 - 2.30	Group B & D (60) 12.30 - 2.30

Week 3	Monday 7th Feb	Tuesday 9th Feb	Wednesday 10th Feb	Thursday 11th Feb	Friday 12th Feb
	Group B & D (60) 9.30 - 11.30	All Children 8.55 - 2:30 <i>(On-Site Supervision available to 3.05pm if required)</i>	All Children 8.55 - 2:30 <i>(On-Site Supervision available to 3.05pm if required)</i>	All Children 8.55 - 2:30 <i>(On-Site Supervision available to 3.05pm if required)</i>	All Children 8.55 - 2:30 <i>(On-Site Supervision available to 3.05pm if required)</i>
	Group A & C (60) 12.30 - 2.30				

Week 4	All Children 8.55am to 2.30pm <i>(On-Site Supervision available to 3.05pm if required)</i>				
Week 5	All Children 8:55am -3:05pm				